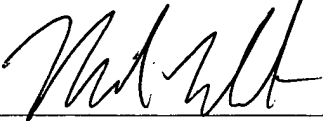


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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on August 31, 2001 and the Official Filing Receipt was mailed November 27, 2001. As of this date, a first Office Action has not been received by this office and it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be provided with a statement of the status of this application.

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